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- ☐ This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of this application.
- ☐ This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination.
- ☐ To the best of Applicant's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the date of mailing of a first Office Action in connection with this case.
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The claims of the application as now presented are believed to patentably distinguish over the prior art and to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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